



Inquiry into the Role and Future of the Woden Town Centre in the context of a compact city

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Caitlin Tough MLA

Addressed to: Canberra Institute of Technology

In relation to: Extended use of campus restaurant/café

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Mr David Jones took on notice the following question:

MS TOUGH: Wonderful and I know the old Reid campus had a venue on site where someone could, say, book and have a breakfast and the hospitality students would then cater the breakfast and it was often a cheaper way for organisations to hold functions and fundraisers. Does the Woden campus have a similar type of venue that that could happen?

Mr Jones: So the restaurant is set up for that type of venue.

MS TOUGH: Is set up? Is big enough to do that? Awesome.

Mr Jones: I would have to take the question on notice about the outside of hours approach to being able to deliver those events.

MS TOUGH: Wonderful, sorry for creating so many questions on notice.

Mr Jones: That is okay.

THE CHAIR: And Scott has a contribution.

Mr Jones: Scott.

Mr Nichols: Look, I was just going to jump in there and add a little bit more context. So I think that is definitely the plan. So as David said, like the first six months was really around the move away from the previous campus, resettling the teaching and learning space and establishing the requirements of the kitchen from a teaching kitchen perspective. But yes, the plans are very much about how do

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we continue to activate that space, what does it look like to be able to offer that space as a meal space, if you like, for other functions going forward. So again, I think probably just the point to make is the first six or 12 months have been foundational. It has been about lifting and shifting and settling things down, but we are very much in the planning phase for them now. As things have started to settle, what does it look like to potentially activate some of those core spaces as part of the community to a greater extent than maybe what we have done in the first six months.

MS TOUGH: Wonderful, thank you.

The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Since the CIT Woden campus opening in mid 2025, CIT has facilitated internal events, music performances, large scale demonstrations, and ad-hoc external event/room requests from industry partners for functions within the Multi-Purpose Space (MPS), CIT Restaurant, ground floor Presentation Space and other suitable spaces.

Facilitating these events at CIT Woden among existing scheduled classes and trialling different models of student involvement is serving as a useful blueprint to a scaled streamlined event service that will aid activation of the precinct. As core educational programs continue to be embedded, CIT will continue to work with community and industry partners to support events at CIT Woden

The MPS serves as a versatile venue for larger scale events and performances. The space features a large projection screen, which can be lowered to cover one wall, the webex AV platform for hybrid learning and sound reinforcement. It also contains a large open balcony, training bar, lighting grid and lighting console.

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Signature:



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